

Appl. No. : 09/618,209  
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### REMARKS

Applicant has the following comments in response to the Office Action. In view of the telephonic conference, it is Applicant's understanding that the response mailed May 26, 2004 overcome the Examiner's rejections and that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Furthermore, Applicant has submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome any rejections under obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Applications Nos. 09/618,766 and 09/618,765, and 09/618/767.

In light of the above amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

#### Summary

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. In light of the above remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

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